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An Aid to Patriotism.

Of legal holidays there may some day be too many, but that possibility should have no present effect upon efforts that may be made to increase the volume of American patriotism. An excellent proposition is that which is being put forth through the efforts of the board of trade, a proposition which looks to the delivery of addresses on Washington, by public men, before the public school children of the District. Local celebration of Washington's birthday has heretofore been confined to one or two purely patriotic societies, some of the military and semi-military organizations, and the Official Inhabitants' Association; and while the influences emanating therefrom have been wholly healthful they have necessarily lacked the impressive and penetrating quality of those which will be set in motion during the latter part of this week. The character of Washington is rich in the material needed by the boys and girls of today. A few clearly-stated comments, by men of affairs, on the achievements of Washington, will be altogether likely to leave enduring impressions on minds to the training of which so much of money and intellect is devoted. The tendencies of the times are so notably material that any movement in the direction of higher-grade Americanism must receive the hearty support which it deserves. The program of the Washington Birthday exercises is not ready for publication, but it is only reasonable to suppose that a sufficient number of the politically or educationally prominent will be found in the schools next Friday, bent upon doing their share of the good work.

Gen. Weyler's Pronouncements.

Captain-General Weyler is doing Cuba's cause a vast amount of good by his proclamations and other literary preparations for a future campaign of cruelty and barbarism. He is rapidly alienating the Spaniards in this country who favor the Spaniards in the present emergency, and his latest efforts in the proclamation line are hardly calculated to check the process. These pronouncements are harsh in tone and wide in scope. They practically place Gen. Weyler in direct control of every man, woman and child in the entire island, with the power to take life in any pretense. They create new and entirely unjustifiable conditions and threaten the population with death, imprisonment or banishment in case of violation of these unwarranted regulations. The declarations with regard to news correspondents are of direct concern to America. Among other people Gen. Weyler declares to be subject to "military law" the following:

"Those who invent or propagate by any means notices or assertions favorable to the rebellion shall be considered as being guilty of offenses against the military code of the nation and comprised in article 224, class 6, of the military code, whenever such notices facilitate the enemy's operations; those who through the press or otherwise, divulge the prestige of Spain, her army, the volunteers or firemen, or any other force that co-operates with the army; those who by the same means endeavor to stir up the enemy."

This shuts off all news from Cuba but that which is favorable to the Spanish cause, and renders all correspondents daring to send other intelligence liable to the severest penalties. Gen. Weyler of course constitutes himself as the sole judge of all offenders should he so prefer, and thus he becomes absolute and despotic master. Were the entire island under the Spanish rule this would mean more than under present conditions, for Gomez and his lieutenants practically control a majority of the area of Cuba and are in a fair way to extend their holdings at any time.

Practical Protection.

A new tariff law is as much of a probability as a free silver law is an improbability. The tendency of the measure will, in the main, be toward increased revenue, but there will of course be much of incidental protection. Why may there not be some protection provided against imported coal waves? There cannot be rational objection to a coal wave that has its origin within the boundaries of the United States but there is a great deal of adverse comment on the chivalry that some of our Southern British possessions north of us from the coal dealers excepted) at this season of the year, wants to foster the industry which produces coal waves but everybody (once more excepting the coal-dealer) is tired of the instant manner in which Manitoba and the large crystalline blocks of ice temperature upon the American people. We are a trifle short of Treasury funds and the gold reserve is generally below par but we have enough coal weather of our own to supply all the legitimate demand.

The Star through inadvertence made an error last Friday in editorially giving credit for attaining the "farthest north" to Lieut. Peary. It thus did an unintentional injustice to Lieutenant Lockwood and Sergeant (now Lieutenant) Brainerd in reproducing a bit of current misinformation on its rounds through the press of the country which stated that the highest latitude was attained by Peary in 1891. The two brave American soldiers who have been named are unquestionably entitled to the honor of having penetrated farther towards the pole than any man before or since, so far as the world definitely knows, having reached 82.24 while Peary's best attainment was 81.37.

When the revolutionary heroes wound up the war for American independence nothing was further from their minds than the possibility of their feminine posterity developing hostilities of the description now in progress.

Like many other important discoveries the cathode ray is in danger of encountering a dangerous skepticism aroused by the overzealousness of enthusiasts in making claims for it.

State Making.

A bill was recently introduced in the Maryland legislature proposing to create a new state out of the portions of three states that now form the peninsula known generally in this region as "the eastern shore." This would include all of Delaware, the counties of Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester in Maryland and Accomac and Northampton in Virginia. The scheme has not been taken seriously thus far, but it represents a peculiar result of the founding of the eastern states in the early days of our history. Grouping together of colonies for mutual protection was necessary for various reasons, and when independence was obtained the old bounds became fixed, and in many cases led to incongruous results. How two counties of Virginia came to have a place on the Delaware peninsula is a puzzle to many geographers, although it is easy to understand why Maryland should plan to

control both shores of the upper Chesapeake. Disregarding for the present such considerations as the willingness of Maryland to surrender the eastern shore, or of Virginia to donate two counties to the new organization, or indeed that of Delaware to enlarge her scope and responsibility, it is interesting to contemplate the possibilities of such a scheme. Delaware in 1890 had 128,493 people, the eight eastern shore counties of Maryland 158,236, and the two Virginia counties 37,340, making a total for the whole peninsula of 324,219. This population would doubtless equal 400,000 by the end of the century in the course of natural growth, and might exceed that figure under the stimulus of a new organization. But as it stood in 1890, with 364,219 people, the peninsula then exceeded no less than eleven states in population, namely, Utah, Rhode Island, South and North Dakota, Vermont, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, Washington and Oregon. The new state, under the present apportionment, would have two representatives and possibly three, thus giving it four or five votes in the electoral college.

Doubtless if such a plan were consummated the new state would take the form of a greater Delaware, with the name and constitution of that state. Should a new name be chosen to cover the peninsula no more appropriate title could be found than Chesapeake. This question of preserving the identity of the original organizations has been the main obstacle to several geographical reforms that have been proposed, some of which might profitably be accomplished. It was only a few months since that an enthusiastic Chicagoan proposed to carve a new state out of those portions of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin that touch the southern shores of Lake Michigan, including, of course, the great western metropolis. A far more equitable scheme, however, was that which had in view the partition of Nevada, famous as a "rotten borough," with its dwindling population, stated in 1890 to be 45,761, or 16,545 less than in 1880. This idea involves the division of Nevada among California, Utah and Idaho, enlarging those states and wiping the silver state from the political map. Another plan was to create the new state of "Superior" out of the northern peninsula of Michigan and portions of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Texas, with her 2,666,000 and 255,790 square miles, has long been regarded with wistfulness by the makers of new states, but no serious proposition to carve new organizations out of the Lone Star state have been made in late years.

There were only twenty men at work today on the city post-office building. They are all engaged, however, in the task of unloading wagons, so the effort, doing visibly affect the progress of the structure.

The manner in which General Weyler inaugurates his campaign promises Spain little more than the wreck of a once valuable possession even should he be successful in overcoming the insurgents.

The condition of the public in France with reference to the present political embarrassment is described as apathetic. There is no novelty in a crisis in that country.

It would take a great deal of assurance for anybody to attempt to pose as a prophet in connection with the failure of Fitzsimmons and Maher to fight.

Ex-Queen Lillibulkin cannot afford to be more backward than Lord Dunsany. Now that she has been pardoned she should at least apologize.

General Campos and General Weyler constitute the distinction, often a very subtle one, between the "has-been" and the "hopes-to-be."

The Boers have done much to impress on the British government that diplomacy may flourish in spots where it is most unexpected.

A lynching horror has occurred in Illinois. The crime is becoming painfully cosmopolitan.

SHOOTING STARS.

How It Happened.

"I understand that your side lost some men in an engagement with the Cubans."

"The Spanish officer glared and said nothing."

"Bad generalship, eh?"

"No. Typographical error."

Advice.

"I'll sell you the heaviest wraps to wear when you're skating."

"Even though for frost you do not care; they break the fall, you know."

One Advantage.

"I don't see why these explorers are so determined in their efforts to reach the north pole," said young Mrs. Torkins.

"I know why it is," replied her husband.

"They want to find some place where the dealers never have the assurance to tell the public that the ice crop has been a failure."

He Was Apprehensive.

"Sense me, sub," he said, as he approached one of the attaches of the Smithsonian Institution, "but I want ter ax yoh sumfin'."

"What's the matter?" was the inquiry.

"Are you looking for something to eat?"

"No, 'deed," said the man. "I want scientific information. I want ter know 'bout dese hyah X rays dat dey's takin' de photograms wif. Dey done tells me dey kin take pictures right for yeh; dat when dey goes away ter yeh wif one er den, yer skin an' yer clo's ain't no 'tection' I all."

"That's what they claykin' for dinner, I s'pose; dey could jes for me down an' take a picture ob de chicken."

"I believe the theory is something like that."

"Da's what I thought. Da's what I thought. But yer's what I done come ter ax yeh. Does yer believe dat dey could git er good nuff likeness ob de chicken ter inable de ownah ter rec'ize 'im?"

"Narrow Escape."

"I wouldn't go through that again for a good deal," said the pugilist, with a shudder.

"What was it? A railway accident?"

"Worse. I was matched for a fight, and the managers on both sides came pretty near forgetting to notify the authorities in time for them to prevent it from coming off."

A Degenerate.

I's hyuh'd King Coal were a jolly soul, When he sang in de nussy' rhyme; But dis winter, chile, an' a dif'ent style Fum ole once-upon-a-time. An' now w'en de fros' begins ter freeze, An' de blizzard starts ter bliz, He's quick ter talk an' he's hand ter please, An' de tryin' est king as is.

De Norf' Win' ten', like 's neares' frien', Ter 's business, an' fro' de cracks When 's b'ef he blow, yoh kain't say "no." Ef he calls yeh ter pay dat tax, An' it's good-bye, 'tass, an' good-bye, ham, Foh de money he's got ter roll Away from de market ter meet de palm O' dat grasper, O' King Coal.

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From the New York Mail and Express.

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More new Skirts. More new Waists.

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